

APPENDIX DD

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**MOLLY CORBETT BROAD**

**PRESIDENT**

***THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA***

**WHEREAS, MOLLY CORBETT BROAD** has served since 1997 as the fifteenth President of the University of North Carolina, the first public university in America to open its doors to students; and

**WHEREAS,** During her eight-year tenure the University has experienced unprecedented enrollment growth, serving more than 37,000 additional students; and

**WHEREAS,** Under her leadership the Board of Governors has adopted a set of strategic priorities to guide its decision-making and focus its vision; and

**WHEREAS,** In challenging economic times she has worked diligently and effectively to preserve and expand the financial resources, technological tools, and managerial flexibility available to the constituent institutions and affiliated enterprises; and

**WHEREAS,** Competitive grants and research awards to University faculty have nearly doubled during her tenure, exceeding \$1 billion for the first time ever; and

**WHEREAS,** She was instrumental in the planning, passage, and successful execution of the \$3.1-billion 2000 Higher Education Bond Referendum, the largest bond issue in the history of American higher education; and

**WHEREAS,** She has been a staunch and effective champion for raising the state's college-going rate and keeping the University accessible and affordable, as evidenced by the implementation of a need-based financial aid program for in-state undergraduates, the creation of the College Foundation of North Carolina; and the dramatic expansion of distance-education offerings; and

**WHEREAS,** She has enlarged the University's role in shaping national education policy through the creation of a Washington office and her distinguished leadership of such organizations as the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, Internet 2, and the International Council for Distance Education; and

**WHEREAS,** She has worked to improve collaboration and engagement with the state's public schools and community colleges; and

**WHEREAS,** With her active engagement, the University has taken a larger and more visible role in statewide economic development and revitalization; and

**WHEREAS**, She has carried out these duties with uncommon skill, integrity, and grace, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues throughout higher education, business, and government; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of her visionary leadership, this University and this state are better prepared to compete and prosper in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, She will conclude her service as President on December 31, 2005;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina express its gratitude and deepest appreciation to **MOLLY CORBETT BROAD** for her extraordinary contributions to the University, the state, and all of American higher education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as of January 1, 2006, **MOLLY CORBETT BROAD** be designated and known as *President Emerita* of The University of North Carolina.

**This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005**

J. Bradley Wilson, *Chairman*

Patsy B. Perry, *Secretary*